

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD
Regular Selectboard Meeting
Bradford Academy Building Room 26 and via Zoom Web Conferencing
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 6:30p.m.

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Carole P. Taylor, Daniel A. Perry III, Ryan Lockwood, Meroa Benjamin

Board Members Absent: Thomas E. Unkles

Administrative Assistant: Danielle Kingsbury

Others Present: Robert Wing, Gary Moore, Nancy Jones, Jean Carlan, Jason Mosel, Shirley McLam, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Donna Wing (via Zoom), Scott Johnson (via Zoom), Bud Haas (via Zoom), Marcey Carver (via Zoom), Jared Pendak (via Zoom), Charles Barrett (via Zoom)

Ryan Lockwood, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Additions & Changes:

Add a personnel issue to be discussed in executive session.

Public Comment:

Nancy Jones made the Selectboard aware that Bennett Walker from Norwich Technologies would like to put in three charging stations at Denny Park at no charge to the Town. The Planning Commission will have to do a site approval.

Trash/Recycling at Downtown Parks:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to place the dog waste container back at Denny Park and place one trash can and one recycling container at Denny Park. The trash is to be picked up by the park maintenance person (John Bean) with no increase to his hours and placed in the Town Highway dumpster.

MOTION PASSED, 3 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 1 VOTE (CAROLE TAYLOR) OPPOSED.

2021 Devil's Den Ultra Run (Jason Mosel):

Jason Mosel made the Selectboard aware that instead of having runners utilize Chase Hallow Road he plans on using an old logging trail which runs parallel to the road and runners will only have to cross over Chase Hallow and enter the trails at Devil's Den. At the crossing he plans to have lighting and extra signage as added safety precautions. He will also be reaching out to the Police Chief regarding plans for the run.

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the 2021 Devil's Den Ultra Run.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Memory Cross at Boch Park:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to allow the placement of the memorial wooden cross at Boch Park.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Opening Public Spaces at the BA Building:

Dan Perry made a motion to open public spaces at the Bradford Academy effective June 25, 2021.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Health Officer Appointment:

Carole Taylor made a motion to recommend to the State of Vermont to appoint Zachary Lang at the Towns Health Officer and sign off on the State form.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Town will also need a volunteer deputy health officer.

Pavilion at Elizabeth's Park:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve Walt Limlaw's quote to build the pavilion by the end of 2021 in the amount of \$75,000. Funding for the project include:

Walter Lee Funds: \$30,000

Byrne Foundation: \$20,000

Elizabeth Park CD: \$17,600

BPRC Capital Fund: \$14,598

Fundraising: Unknown

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Paving Projects- Highway Reserve Capital Funds:

Dan Perry made a motion to spend up to \$75,000 out of the Highway Projects Capital Fund toward 2021 paving projects.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

VTrans Municipal Roads Grant Agreement (South Main Street Sidewalk):

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the grant agreement with the State of Vermont for the South Main Street sidewalk in the amount of \$48,200.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Department Ordinances:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to adopt the FD Reimbursement Ordinance and FD Alarm Ordinance with the corrections as discussed.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Conflict of Interest/Rules of Procedure:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the new rules of procedure policy as presented.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the new conflict of interest policy as presented.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

BA Use Applications:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve The Old Church Theater to use the auditorium throughout the month of July for rehearsals and August for rehearsals/productions.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2021.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the orders dated June 25, 2021 in the amount of \$21,121.16

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

Carole Taylor made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Shilo Gregory from the Conservation Commission.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Mero Benjamin made a motion to approve the lease of Room 25 in the Bradford Academy building with Kelly Spooner for a Reiki Studio Business.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard received four letters in support of the Bradford Connecting Facebook Page. The Selectboard wants it made clear that they never asked the individual who is administering the page to take down the Facebook page, they just wanted it to be made clear that the Facebook page is not associated or endorsed by the Town of Bradford, it is run by a private individual.

There was a question about North Pleasant Street and if the Town is looking into redoing the sidewalk. North Pleasant Street is more than just a sidewalk issue, there is drainage and stabilization issues that will take millions of dollars to fix. The Town has been working with Two Rivers Outtaquechee to find funding for this project.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Carole Taylor made a motion that the Selectboard has determined that a personnel issue needs be discussed in executive session because the premature public knowledge would place both the Town and the employee at substantial disadvantage.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

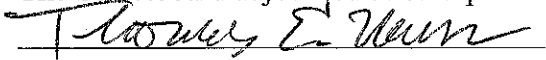
Carole Taylor made a motion to go into executive session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1) and invite Danielle Kingsbury to attend the session.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:21 p.m.

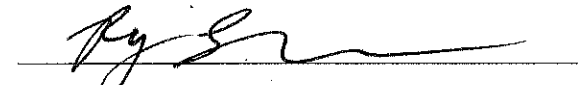
Carole Taylor made a motion to appoint Bob Wing as acting Zoning Administrator and remove the Temporary Assistant Zoning Administrator position as the State has lifted restrictions due to the COVID19 pandemic. The motion included to send Marcey Carver a letter thanking her for her service and assisting Paul Berlejung during the pandemic.

MOTION PASSED, 3 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE., 1 VOTE (RYAN LOCKWOOD) OPPOSED.

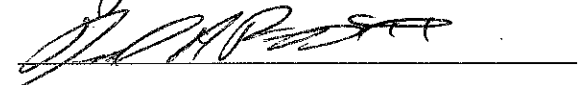
The Selectboard adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



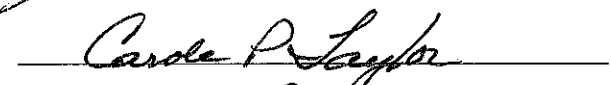
Thomas E. Unkles, Chair



Ryan Lockwood, Vice Chair



Daniel A. Perry III



Carole P. Taylor



Meroa Benjamin